



The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust

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Re: Welcome Back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good summer - we are all delighted to be back in school and look forward to the term ahead.

The start of a new term brings a mix of anticipation, nervousness, and possibility - lots of new opportunities lie in wait in the weeks ahead and we are all looking forward to seeing our pupils thrive and grow this year. However, we know that we are not really 'back to normal', that case numbers remain high, COVID is still very much in circulation and a great many people have been anxious about the return to school. Please be assured that school leaders will continue to do everything possible to ensure that our schools are safe, welcoming, and happy places, and that by working together we will do all we can to reduce any risk. It is important that everyone (pupils, families, and staff) recognise their personal responsibility to keep others safe by behaving in ways that limit the chance for the virus to spread both in and outside school. School leaders will continue to have access to a wide range of advice and guidance from the government, PHE, the Local Authority, professional associations, and unions.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all staff returning after a well-deserved summer break, and to new staff taking up posts in the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust. My thanks go to all school leaders and staff for the extraordinary effort they have gone to, to prepare for the start of term.

Once again this year, it has been a testing time for Year 11 and Year 13 students, parents, and staff. We are incredibly proud of the achievements of all our students. We know that grades do not ultimately define a person and so it is important to celebrate all successes and the contributions that the students made to their schools over many years. They are a credit to their families and our whole Trust community. As the students embark on their next steps, we wish them well in all that they do.

Our priority at this time remains your child's wellbeing; we will ensure that they are familiar with any new arrangements, that they feel safe and secure and that their wellbeing is well taken care of.

It is more important than ever that we work together as staff, parents/carers, families, and pupils, to make the start of this term a successful and happy one.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Fitton CEO